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2. After Wollweber had read the proposed decision, a short discussion took place. Lothar Bolz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister President and NDP representative in the Democratic Bloc, complained that the NDP had received no previous notice of the situation in question and of the measures to be taken, whereas the directorate of the LDP had been kept informed of the whole matter. Johannes Dieckmann took exception to this remark, stating that the NDP had received no information which was not also available to the other members of the Bloc.
3. Otto Nuschke, Deputy Minister President and ODU Bloc representative, suggested that in the future the responsible leadership of all parties be informed by the Secretariat for State Security whenever the Sfs suspected that any important individual was engaged in espionage activity, so that the individual could be gotten rid of in time, or at least so that no important material would fall into his hands. To this suggestion an unidentified speaker stated that it could certainly not be expected that the Sfs would lay all its cards on the table in this fashion.²
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